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Board of Selectmen Announce 1958 Northfield Town Officials

From the office of Horace F. Field is the list of appointments recently made by the board of selectmen: fire chief, Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr.; gypsy moth agent, Joseph S. Bilmon; superintendent of roads, Kenneth L. Miller; sealer of weights and measures, Warren Randall; dog officer, Robert L. Gibson; pound keeper, Robert L. Gibson; election officers, Democrats: James R. Dale, Flora C. Abbey, Edna Bistrek, Helen Greene; Republicans, Helen M. Stearns, Edward M. Powell, Jr., Murray M. Hammond, Harrison Stacy; substitute election officers, Democrats, Mary L. Holton, Minnie Skinner; Republicans, Genevieve A. Eastman, Dorothy M. Arsenault; forest warden, Howard E. Williams; deputy forest wardens, Harold D. Williams, Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr., Philip Mann, Jr.; field drivers, William C. Walker, Jr., Robert L. Gibson; surveyors of wood and timber, James E. Dresser, Fred I. Bolton; fence viewers, Lawrence M. Hammond, Eugene F. Hammond, Carlton Holton; public weighers, F. Myron Dunnell, Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr., Fred B. Kelley, Frank F. Kelley, Roy A. Barrows, George O'Donnell, Clarence Spaulding; registrar of voters, three years, Charles D. Streeter.

Edgar J. Livingston, town moderator, has appointed Wallace E. Stange of North Lane and Donald T. Snow of Northfield Upper Farms to the local finance committee for three years to replace Mark Aldrich and Mrs. Mildred Addison whose terms have expired.

He has also appointed the summer playground committee as authorized by town meeting vote: William H. Hawley, Mrs. David Hammond and Mrs. Alvin Scott. Mr. Hawley is named chairman. Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Scott were members of the committee on the playground whose report was accepted at the town meeting.

All these officers should call at the office of the town clerk to be sworn in as soon as possible. Office hours are from 3 to 5 p.m. but they may stop at any time that is convenient.

The town clerk has received dog licenses and tags and all dog owners should have their dogs licensed right away.

Carolyn M. Steadler To Be Summer Bride

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Steadler of Dalton, formerly residents of Northfield, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Mable of Westfield, N. J., to William Parr McElwain of Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. McElwain is the son of Mrs. Vivian Lathers McElwain of Johnson City, N. J., and Henry W. McElwain of Basking Ridge, N. J.

Miss Steadler is a graduate of the Northfield School for Girls, class of 1952, and Connecticut College for Women, class of 1956. She is employed as a senior research assistant for the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., in Westfield, N. J. Her fiancé is a graduate of Blair Academy of Blairstown, N. J., and Lehigh university, class of 1957. He served three years in the U. S. army, one and a half years in Korea. He is now employed as a salesman for building products division of Armstrong Cork company in Minneapolis.

A late summer wedding will take place in Dalton.

Patrol Elections Held by Boy Scouts

Monday evening patrol elections for the purpose of dividing the duties and offices of the Northfield Boy Scouts were held. Patrols are set up as follows: Eagle patrol, David Sargent, leader; Christopher Sheldon, assistant; David Dale, scribe; James Anderson, quartermaster.

Iroquois patrol, Keith Hall, leader; Alfred Young, assistant; Ronald Kimball, scribe; Jonathan Fowler, quartermaster.

Panther patrol, Dana Caldwell, leader; Ronald Jordan, assistant; Philip Howe, Jr., scribe; Howard Maynard, quartermaster.

Rattlesnake patrol, Whit Snow, leader; Robert Rineer, assistant; Charles Payne, scribe; David Westin, quartermaster.

A camping trip for Explorers is planned for this weekend with Gilbert Stacy in charge. Next Monday evening will be parents' night.

Scoutmaster Winthrop Sanderson demonstrated the international Morse code with blinker lights. Other adult leaders at the meeting were Hamilton Cregar, Robert Remillard, Howard Call and Gilbert Stacy.

Public Health Dept. Gives 317 TB Tests

A total of 307 pupils and 10 faculty members of the Pioneer valley regional school were tested in a TB program on Monday at the school. The tests were given by Dr. Noretin Gorcorca on temporary duty with the state department of public health. Miss Celia Gerran, R.N., supervising field nurse of the department, assisted. The program was arranged by Mrs. Priscilla Abbott, executive director of the Franklin County Public Health association.

The following nurses from the area were present as observers:

Mrs. Glenna Cutting of the Shelburne Falls union, Miss Hazel Pickwell of Colrain, Mrs. Eugene Koch of Gill, Mrs. Edith Sautter and Miss Muriel Courser of Greenfield, Miss Ruth McCann of Frontier Regional in South Deerfield, Miss Vera Miller of Northampton, executive secretary of the Hampshire County Public Health association, and Mrs. Nora Denehey, executive secretary of the Holyoke TB association.

This is the first time such a program has been given in Massachusetts.

Chicken Project

The Fancy Feathers 4-H club met last week at the home of Beatrice Bassett in West Northfield. Under the Kiwanis club project chicks have been ordered for delivery about April 15. For every 25 chicks, two full grown cockerels are to be returned to the club in the fall. Stanley Galda is 4-H club leader in charge of the project.

Instructions were given about preparing brooders for the chicks and 4-H records for the next meeting. A series of demonstrations will begin at the April 1st meeting at Gary Clark's home. Charlie Payne will demonstrate how to prepare a chicken for frying. Carol Atwood was appointed club treasurer.

Field Library Plans Open House Saturday

The Field library at Northfield Farms will celebrate National Library week with "open house" on Saturday afternoon from 1 to 7:30 p.m. This is the 60th year of continuous operation of the library and the 65th anniversary of the Ladies' Benevolent society, the sponsoring organization.

The members of the Ladies' Benevolent society with the librarian have had a number of work bees rearranging the books to make room for the new Horace Field children's corner. A new table and chairs and an extra shelf have been added. The corner was given in memory of Horace Field by Mrs. Harry Combs of Mexico, a granddaughter, and Mrs. S. H. Anderson of Washington, D. C., a great-granddaughter. Horace Field gave the tract of land on which the library is built.

Two new gas units have been installed to replace the two wood burning stoves which previously heated the building.

A map dated 1858 which hangs on the wall in the ladies' meeting room will be of much interest. It marks out the town and county also the names of some of the homeowners in Franklin county. Old books will be on display.

Miss Joyce Fuller will read to the children at 3 o'clock.

Hosts and hostesses will be the board of trustees, directors of the Ladies' Benevolent society and the book committee. Miss Diane Leach will be in charge of the guest book. Refreshments will be served. An invitation is extended to all to attend this "open house."

A Cappella Choir To Give Concert

The 42-voice a cappella choir of Providence-Barrington Bible college under the direction of Warren E. Adams, will present a concert of sacred music at the town hall on Sunday evening, March 23, at 8:30 p.m.

The repertory will include works by Bach, Brahms, Mozart, Vaughn, Williams, Christensen among other composers. The closing part of the program will be a missionary challenge in word and song entitled "Christ, to the World We Sing."

The a cappella choir which last year travelled six thousand miles on two extended tours and presented sixty-five concerts, has also in past years sung in White House and noon-day chapel service at the Pentagon, during a visit to Washington on the 1956 tour.

Mr. Adams, who, in addition to directing the choir, teaches in the voice department at Providence, is a graduate of Providence-Barrington Bible College and of the Westminster choir college in Princeton, N. J., and at the present time is engaged in graduate studies as a candidate for the master's degree in music at the College of Fine and Applied Arts, Boston university.

Warren N. Root, aviation boat-swain's mate second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Root of South street, Bernardston and husband of the former Miss Ruth Sheldon of Northfield, departed from San Diego, Cal., March 8 abroad the attack aircraft carrier USS Shangri-La for a six-month cruise in the Far East. While helping to bolster the U. S. line of defense in the Western Pacific the crew will have the opportunity of visiting Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong and the Philippine Islands.

Increased Assessment Lowers 1958 Tax Rate



Christian Herter, Jr.
To Speak at Orange

Christian A. Herter, Jr., candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Massachusetts, will address Republican city and town committee members of 28 communities from Greenfield and surrounding towns on Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30.

Mr. Herter, who is also a member of the Governor's Council, will speak Sunday March 30, at 4 p.m., at the Universalist Church in Orange and committee members from Northfield, Gill, Wendell, New Salem, Shutesbury, Bernardston, Erving and Leverett will be in the audience.

Councillor Herter, who has opened campaign headquarters in Boston in an all-out drive for the office of governor, will be making another swing into the Franklin County and western Massachusetts areas on this trip.

Friendly Group Plans To Disband

The Friendly Group of the Trinitarian Congregational church met Monday evening at the home of the president, Mrs. Richard Holbrook, Jr. It was voted that the April meeting be the last meeting of this group due to the reorganization of the church Guild which now gives the women of the church an opportunity to meet in smaller groups and thus become better acquainted.

Mrs. Albert Anderson gave an interesting account of a Glidden antique car tour which she and her family enjoyed last fall. They traveled 1744 miles in 13 days through New York, Virginia, Washington and Pennsylvania. Highlights of the trip were a visit to Hersey Boys' Town and attendance at the 350th anniversary of Jamestown, at which Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip were present. The family traveled in a 1915 Pierce Arrow. There were 178 older cars dating back to 1901 in the procession of 350 cars.

St. Patrick's day refreshments were served by Mrs. Fred Bolton and Mrs. Florence Phelps.

W. C. T. U.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet on Wednesday, March 26, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Green at 2:30 in the afternoon with Miss June Browning, president, presiding. Mrs. John Fisher will tell of her life in Arizona.

NORTHFIELD GRANGE

The Northfield Grange will meet Tuesday evening at the Grange hall for the regular meeting and a rehearsal for the third and fourth degrees.

The board of assessors has announced that the tax rate for 1958 for Northfield will be \$88 on a thousand. Last year the rate was \$96 per thousand. This low rate was made possible by using a blanket increase in valuation of 20% on all property.

The \$88 per thousand looks and sounds good but the tax bill is what will really tell the true story this year. This year the town has to raise a net total of \$227,829.18 compared with last year's \$210,110.67.

Total valuations in Northfield are now \$2,573,287 and a year ago the valuation was set at \$2,177,007. This is the real estate valuation.

Alliance To Hold Annual Meeting

The Afternoon Alliance of the Unitarian church met on Thursday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. Bertha Leach. Mrs. Oler Doolittle of Greenfield presided and led devotions. She also read a paper written by the late Mrs. Charles Stearns for the 18th anniversary of the group. On March 3, 1959 this Alliance will observe its 50th anniversary. In the absence of the Rev. Charles Moore, a sermon, "The Religious Wheel," was heard from a tape recording. A rummage and food sale will be held on Saturday, March 29.

The next meeting will be the annual luncheon and election of officers to be held on April 10. The nominating committee members are Mrs. Selah Harriman, Mrs. Charles Neal, Mrs. Joseph Field, and Mrs. Myron Dwight. Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs. Charles Leach and Mrs. Charles Slate are the luncheon committee.

Holy Land Discussed By Winifred Curtis

St. Patrick's Guild met Thursday evening and Miss Winifred Curtis of Greenfield told of her trip to the Holy Land illustrated with beautiful colored slides. Mrs. Lloyd Szulborski of Bernardston won the door prize. An invitation was received from St. John's Catholic Women's council of Millers Falls to join it in a communion breakfast in May. The next meeting will be held on April 9 when Lieut. Col. Arthur Shupe of Greenfield will speak on Civil Defense and show slides.

Grangers Net \$26.21 for Fund

The Northfield Grange at its supper Saturday evening netted \$26.21 for the benefit of the muscular dystrophy fund. There were 10 tables playing cards following the supper. Prizes were awarded as follows:

High awards to Mrs. Joseph Capp of Millers Falls and Ralph Morse, also of Millers Falls; second high to Mrs. Olive O'Hara of Greenfield and Mr. Merritt of Millers Falls; door prizes went to Mr. Merritt, Mrs. Ray Franklin of Bernardston, Mrs. Eva Wanegar of Turners Falls, Mrs. Lottie Smith, Mrs. Serrell and Mrs. Alice Niles, all of Millers Falls, Mrs. Robert Covey of Greenfield and Eugene Irish of Northfield.

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LAST NIGHT

Last night God spread a blanket
So soft and white and warm
All over my garden flowers
To keep them safe from harm.

He covered the hills and valleys
O'er all the fields and land;
He sprinkled all with diamond dust
Thrown out by HIS own hand.

Yes, God the supreme artist
Each day gives something new;
Last night it was a snow-storm
And wind that blew and blew;
Today a world so pure and white
And skies of heavenly blue.

I wish I were an artist
I'd paint a picture too;
But the great Master painter
Knows I would never do.

Bertha Sprague Lazelle

Printed in the Boston Post, 1948

Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting and dinner of the Northfield Baptist church was held recently attended by 38 members. Mrs. Winifred Townsend was elected treasurer to succeed William G. Slate who was named assistant treasurer and a deacon emeritus. Trustees for three years are Arthur Stacey and Raymond Payne. Deacons for three years are Bernard Neipp and John Fisher. Mrs. John Fisher was elected a deaconess for three years. Other officers elected are:

Stacey, Payne, Berton Rogers and Forrest Carey, ushers; Mrs. Morris Merrifield, clerk; Mrs. William Messer, Sunday school superintendent; Miss June Browning, Miss Bertha Martindale, Mrs. Arthur Stacey, board of missions; Mrs. Stacey, Mrs. Charles Lang, Mrs. Herman Browning and Mrs. Fisher, hospitality committee, and Mrs. Lulu Carey, Mrs. Berton Rogers and Mrs. Samuel Bishop, flower committee.

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47 PF Members Plan New York City Trip

There were 45 young people attending the meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Trinitarian Congregational church Sunday evening. Brian Scott led the devotional service. Following a discussion it was voted to have the Pilgrim Fellowship rally at the local church on May 25. It was also announced that all who go on the trip to New York will go on the bus. There are 47 planning to go. Roger Lopez showed movies of his service career while in France and Spain.

GIRL SCOUT NOTES

The third grade Brownies met at the Little House on Wednesday and elected officers: president, Linda White; vice president, Janice Clough; treasurer, Sandra Fuller, and secretary, Bonny Carey. They have finished studying the stars and are working on nature books. There were 23 girls present.

Shirley and Norman Holloway of Warwick avenue have taken over the rubbish collection business here in Northfield. They collect on Saturdays so call 889 if you want to have the truck stop. This is the time of the year that rubbish collection is really a public service.

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Church Notes

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

REV. JOSEPH W. REEVES, Minister

MRS. F. H. MOSSE, Director of Christian Education

IRVING J. LAWRENCE, Choir Director

MRS. BELLE MARDEN, Organist
9:45, church school.

11 a.m., Public Worship. Fifth Sunday in Lent. Sermon subject, "No Down Payment." Pre-school age children attended by Marsha Billings and Diane Leach. Children of grades 1-4 supervised by Jeanette Hatchway and Joyce Martin.

5:15 p.m., Pastor's class in church membership for teenage meeting in the balcony room.

6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. Rachel True will lead devotions. Mrs. Richard Holbrook will conduct a quiz program.

7:45 p.m., Senior choir rehearsal in the vestry.

The 20-40 Couples' club will meet in the vestry on Monday at 8 p.m. There will be games. Mr. Reeves will speak and refreshments will be served by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Overdorff and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Randall.

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Bible study for women 20-40 years of age. Mr. Reeves teaching the course. Children will be attended by Mrs. Fred Avery, Mrs. Hibert Eastman and Mrs. Horace Field.

The second Lenten potluck family supper will be served Thursday at 6:30 by Mrs. Owen Stacey and her committee of Guild Women. Bring hot dish or salad or dessert. Following the supper children of the church school will present a Japanese program.

The youth choir rehearses Friday at 3 p.m., Mrs. Robert Barnes, director and accompanist.

Men will get their tickets from Gilbert Stacy or the pastor for attending the communion breakfast at the Second Congregational church, Greenfield, on Palm Sunday morning, March 30.

Persons wishing to give or loan flowers for Easter Sunday worship will phone Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCollister.

NORTHFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH

CHARLES D. MOORE, Minister
MRS. L. P. GOODSPEED, Organist and Choir Director

RAY A. KNAPP, Church School Superintendent

9:45 a.m., Sunday worship service. sermon topic, "Potential Man." 9:45 a.m., church school, classes for all ages.

7 p.m., Youth Group, discussion of school problems.

ST PATRICK'S Catholic

REV. HENRY McKEON, Pastor
REV. ANTHONY RZASA, Curate
Sunday, 10:30 a.m., mass.
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.

NORTHFIELD BAPTIST
REV. PAUL L. BUBAR, Pastor
SAMUEL A. BISHOP, Organist
MRS. RICHARD NEIPP, Assistant Organist

MRS. RALPH PERRY, Pianist
Sunday, 8:15 a. m., worship WHAI.

10 a.m.—Sunday school, Mrs. William Messer, superintendent.

11 a.m.—Morning worship with sermon.

Nursery and junior church at same hour.

6:30 p.m.—Young People.

7 p.m.—pre-evening service prayer.

7:30, evening evangelistic hour

8:30 p.m.; concert at the town hall.

Tuesday, 7 p.m., Bible study. The Northfield Evening School of the Bible opened Tuesday evening, March 18, at the Northfield Baptist church and will continue for six consecutive Tuesday evenings.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., "Hour of Power."

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
REV. RICHARD GRIFFIN, Pastor
MISS HAZEL JOY MARCY, Organist
LAURENCE MARCY, Sunday School

Extension Service Lists Programs

At the meeting of the Franklin County extension service Women's advisory council on Tuesday two members from Northfield were appointed for a three year term, Mrs. John Hammond, and for a two-year term, Mrs. Wendell Persons. Officers of the council are Mrs. H. J. Hicks, Millers Falls, chairman; Mrs. Ralph Townsley, Ashfield, vice chairman; Mrs. Douglas Stetson, Heath, secretary-treasurer. Programs voted for the 1958-59 season were:

"Building Successful Groups," "Blouse Construction," "Helping the Child Plan His Future," "What Shall I Wear?," "Make Entertaining Easy," "Eat Well for Less Money," "Mixing and Fixing," "Skirt Construction," "Cane Seating," and "Clinic Workshops."

Chairmen for Homemakers' day also gave reports. Mrs. Harold Coates of Bernardston said the annual event will be in Orange April 30 with Mrs. Harry Lapides speaking on "Women's Place in Israel." A style show under direction of Mrs. John Hammond of Northfield, "The Chemise, Then and Now," and the main speaker, Salom Rizk, author of the book, "Syrian Yankee," are scheduled.

Mrs. William Jones of Orange reported for the luncheon committee that the meal will be served at the Methodist church. Mrs. Alfred Ohlson told of tentative arrangements for child care and Mrs. Merle Powling, general chairman, reported the meeting will be in the new Mahar regional school instead of at Orange high school as originally planned.

Superintendent

Family supper March 22.

Sunday, 10:30-11:30, a.m., Sunday school.

11:30-12:30 p.m., worship service.

March 25, Connecticut Valley Bible conference at the North Lev-erett Baptist church, 3 to 9 p.m. Basket supper at 6 p.m.

Wednesday evening, cottage prayer meeting.

Friday, 3:30, Sing and Bring club.

Friday, 7:30 p.m., prayer and Bible study.

Saturday, 10:05-10:30 a.m., Sing and Bring club on WHAI.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON

REV. EVERETT MOORE, Pastor
MRS. STELLA POWELL, Organist
MRS. HAROLD PARSONS, Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday, 10:30, morning worship, sermon topic, "Lovest Thou Me."

10:30 a.m.—Junior Worship.

11:45—Sunday School.

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7 p.m., Young People's meet-

7:30, evening service, close at 8:15 to attend sacred concert at the Northfield town hall.

Thursday, 7:45 p.m., prayer meeting.

Library Open House Termed Great Success

All who visited the Dickinson Memorial library yesterday during the "open house" in observance of National Library week could well have felt proud of the beautiful building. Built in the day when fine natural wood finish was the pride of the builder it is at its best in the evening.

Special displays had been arranged on both floors. The reading room was especially attractive with flowering plants displayed by the Garden club and a fire in the fireplace. A gracious lady of an olden day showing a costume from the Fortnightly collection.

In the hall upstairs were special exhibits of fishing flies by Joseph Bilmon, Indian arrowheads by F. M. Dunnell; wood carving by Emory Rikert, and a fine exhibit by the new stamp club and one arranged by the Girl Scouts. The librarians had arranged exhibits of historical pictures of Northfield special events and a table of old Bibles. These were in addition to the regular exhibits of valuable papers, geological specimens, articles of historical value to Northfield and many valuable and interesting antiques.

There was also a fine display of art work done by the school children to observe this special week.

Posters to represent favorite books were displayed in the upper hallway; book covers and posters in the reading room and a group of three dimension pictures in egg cartons in the children's room. All helped to make the rooms most attractive.

The librarians, Mrs. Florence Phelps and Mrs. David Cook, the library trustees and members of the citizens committee were hostesses and greeted all comers. Visitors are invited to see these displays during regular library hours the rest of the week.

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Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

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Although Easter dawn is accepted as the official opening of the Cathedral of Pines in Rindgs, N. H., March 14, the vanguard of thousands of visitors starts coming to the national shrine which is the Altar of the Nations. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sloane arrived home from Florida the second week in March. on the 14th Amvets national officers held a meeting at the Cathedral headquarters which, originally, was the Sloane's home.

What is now Dickinson library was started as a social library in 1812 by an enterprising young lawyer named Thomas Power. We are also indebted to him for our long double row of rock maples and elms on Main street. 34 stockholders who paid \$1 each met on Feb. 4, 1813 with a nucleus of 70 books. Today 14,544 volumes are housed in a beautiful granite building. The stone was quarried on Northfield mountain, all the cutting, dressing and lettering being done in this town. The land on which it stands was donated by Charles Green, father of Mrs. Joseph Field, and the late Mrs. Thomas Parker. Librarians have been, in order, Mrs. Francis Stockbridge, Mrs. Nellie P. Randall, Miss Ina Merriam, Mrs. Lizette L. Vorce Mrs. Marjorie Norton, Miss Jean Giebel, Miss Lucy M. Eveleth and Mrs. Florence Phelps.

Friends of Mrs. Cecelia Reed, for many years head of Revell hall, where the summer conference girl employees are housed, will be happy to hear that she will fill the place of Mrs. Harriet Webster, assistant head of Mira Wilson hall, after spring vacation. Mrs. Reed helped in this hall during last fall's flu epidemic.

Mr. and Mrs. David Quinn and children returned Sunday from California.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Woods left for a brief vacation on March 13-19. Mrs. Wood's mother and Carl are at their home.

Mrs. Robert Hanson has returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearsall. She expects to be here for the next two months.

Rev. Paul Bubar left Wednesday for the International Youth for Christ leader conference in Boca Raton, Fla. On Sunday Rev. Robert Hammond will conduct morning and evening services in the Baptist church.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. Benjamin Carr in Franklin county hospital March 13. Mr. Carr is assistant chaplain at Mt. Hermon.

On March 1 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Torrey in the Franklin county hospital. Mr. Torrey is on the Mt. Hermon faculty.

While on vacation Mr. and Mrs. Dana Leavis visited St. Petersburg, Fla., and went along the Gulf of Mexico to Naples. On the return trip they stopped in Washington, D. C.

Rev. Robert Sandercock went to Colby Junior college at New London, N. H., for a two-day religious conference last week. He was one of the speakers.

Miss Rita Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson of West Northfield and a graduate of the Northfield high school, 1957, is on the dean's list at Westfield State Teachers' college. Miss Gibson's English teacher complimented her on her "wonderful background in English," gained here.

Saturday the big sugaring-off party for students of the Northfield School for Girls was held at the Roy Barrow's home on Winchester road with the maple syrup served on snow with doughnuts and pickles.

On Sunday at the Franklin county hospital a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tillson.

On Sunday at the Franklin county hospital a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Barnes.

Miss Martha Jane Bigelow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bigelow of Maple street and a junior at Springfield Hospital School of Nursing, was elected by the entire student body to attend the national convention of nurses at Atlantic City June 5-9.

While on vacation Carlton L'Hommedieu will go to Asheville, N. C., and visit Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith and Miss Anna Miller, formerly of this town. He left Wednesday.

Correction—Miss Gladys Irvine and her sister, Mrs. Constance Holcomb, have retired and come here to live in their home above Wamamaker lake.

Miss Beth Weston, head of Weston hall, sails on the Queen of Bermuda for a two weeks' vacation in Bermuda. Her own home is in Wiscasset, Maine.

While Mrs. Clara L. Allen, hostess of the Faculty club, is spending Easter vacation with her son, Robert D. Allen, and family of Hawthorn, N. J., Miss Margaret Mensel, dean of admission, and Mrs. Alice Seeley, head of Henry Moore cottage, will stay at the Faculty club.

Mrs. Leila McRae, librarian in Talcott library, will go to Washington, D. C., for a spring visit.

William Sloane Coffin, Jr., Williams chaplain, who preached in the local Congregational church March 2, has been appointed Yale chaplain to fill the place of Rev. Sidney Lovett who has often come to Northfield.

Cathedral of Pines

By Mrs. E. M. Powell

As we turn our faces toward Easter many of spring's promises unfold. There is the sound of rushing brooks, the vanguard of robins, the return of winter-wanderers, trees yielding gallons of sap in transparent plastic bags and here and there a glimpse of sunshine—yellow in daffodil and crocus, the dawn service at the Cathedral of the Pines.

Happily in 1958, a magazine* has asked for an article on the combination of Northfield and the Cathedral of the Pines as an ideal trip for summer vacationers. We of Northfield like to think our town is the heart of New England in more ways than the fact that we are about half way between Albany and Boston and half way between New York and Portland for summer vacationers. We have always bragged that we are "within easy driving distance" of four well known New England colleges, and now, to the northeast 31 miles away, we can add the Cathedral which has been visited by more than 2,000,000 people in the past twelve years.

In the most recent published report from the Cathedral we learn the following facts: In the words of the founder, Douglas Sloane, "Congress voted unanimously (in 1957) to recognize the Altar of the Nation as a memorial for all the American war dead. Without question this altar is the outstanding war memorial in America for it not only recalls the sacrifice of all those of the combat forces and civilians in war service but also and especially the debt we owe the creator of those lives."

The Cathedral opens officially in the spring with the Easter dawn service. The average attendance at the Sunday vespers is 5,600 and about 40,000 visit this knoll a week. Many articles have appeared in newspapers and magazines every spring describing this place. In one story with the title "Memories—Tears or Temples," the writer suggests, "What a blessing it would be if for every bitter memory one would bring forth not tears, but temples of praise to God!"

Over 800 unsolicited gifts of stones and other memorials have been received at the Cathedral. President Eisenhower has sent stones and a Decoration day wreath five times. Each year new memorials are added as for example the baptismal font given in memory of the baby son "Sandy" Sloane never saw. "Sandy" was killed in action over Berlin Feb. 22, 1944 and the Cathedral was begun in his memory. His son lived from October, 1943, to June, 1945.

How wonderful to have as a neighbor a shrine "which brings into actuality 'One nation under God indivisible'; an altar where Protestants, Catholics and Jews and the followers of Confucius, Mohammed and Buddha have worshipped."

*The Open Door published by wives of Y.M.C.A. officials.

A daughter was born on March 16 at the Franklin County Public hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tillson of Warwick avenue; granddaughter of Mrs. John Varian of Staten Island, N. Y.

In every union there is a mystery which is best left untouched by speech, for to touch it is almost to profane it.

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Auxiliary Names Girl Staters

The American Legion auxiliary met Tuesday evening at the Legion rooms at the town hall. They made plans for a public card party to be held on April 26 and voted to send the president and immediate past president to the testimonial dinner for the director of district two, Mrs. Margaret May to be held at the Mansion House in Greenfield. The ladies will attend and assist at the Easter dance to be held at Leeds Veterans' hospital on March 31. Anyone who would like to go may call Mrs. Pearl Allen. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Minnie Huber.

The selection of a delegate to Girls' State was also made at this meeting. Dorothy Given, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Given, was named delegate and Sally Sheldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sheldon, was named alternate. Girls' State will be held at Bridgewater Teachers' college June 13 to 20.

Photography Is Topic At Kiwanis Meeting

At Monday evening's meeting of the Kiwanis club Al Daigle of the Recorder-Gazette gave a talk on "Growth of Photography in Small Town Newspapers." He told of the increase and popularity of photography both for the individual and in newspaper work and showed area pictures which had been entered in contests of the New England Press Photographers and National Press Photographers associations. The program was under the direction of the publicity committee, George M. Leonard, chairman. All tickets must be purchased by April 1 from Corys Heselson for the dinner to be held for the international president, H. Park Arnold.

Rehearsals for the minstrel show to be given May 16 and 17 at the Pioneer Valley regional school auditorium will begin on Monday. Members of committees for the show are Frank Kelley, general chairman; Horace Field, tickets; Edward M. Powell, Jr., program; Fernand Caron, refreshments; Eugene Gancarz, publicity; George M. Leonard, music and makeup. The speaker at next week's meeting will be John Trumbull, a member of the Pioneer Valley school faculty.

Backyard Gardener

By Alfred W. Boicourt, Professor of Floriculture, Department of Horticulture, University of Massachusetts

When is the best time to seed a new lawn? Mid-August to September. Second best, October 20 to freeze-up; and third, early spring.

Let me ask one more question. When do you or your neighbor start a new lawn? I bet that it's in April. Well, you are not alone because spring fever reaches a peak

with most gardeners around April. That is the time when the bulk of the year's gardening work is done. Let me stress the old saying, "two wrongs don't make a right."

In case you are still determined to have a new lawn this year, then by all means start as soon as possible. If you prepared the soil last fall, all the better because you can sow seed today. On a level lawn, the seed can be sown on wet snow. The longer you delay the less chance the grass has with the growth of weeds and dry weather.

Grading is where most new home gardeners fail to do a good job. The final lawn may be very attractive during the periods of wet weather but during drought the grass dries off where the topsoil is shallow. Provide at least 4-5 inches of topsoil over the entire lawn surface.

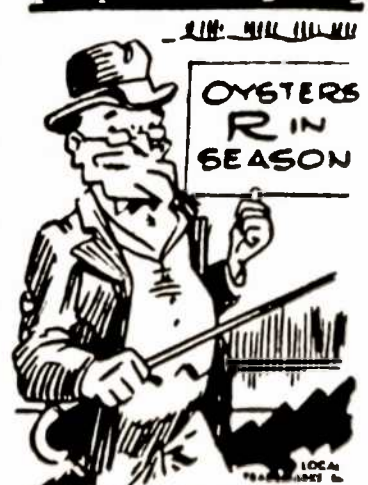
I realize too that a loamy topsoil is a scarce item in many localities. Where you cannot obtain topsoil, large quantities of peat moss, old sawdust, compost or barnyard manure should be mixed with existing soil. Some situations require the application of 4 inches of organic matter over the entire surface, then it must be mixed to a soil depth of 6 inches. Without this organic matter the grass will start but will succumb to weeds and drought. Also I maintain that the best enemy of weeds is a well fed turf, and soil high in organic matter that will retain moisture.

Just so you take the right steps in seeding a new lawn, why not send for our new extension service leaflet, No. 313, "Lawn Construction?" Send your request to the Mailing Room, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

You'd better be happy, for you may look back and realize that these were the happiest days of your life.

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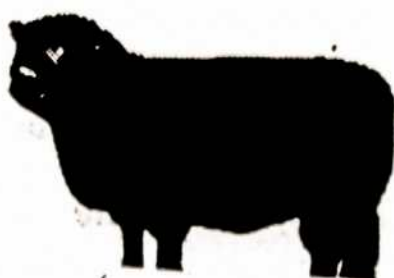
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Thomas Hale Parker

Thomas Hale Parker, age 71, died at the Bronson Nursing home on March 12 after a long illness. He was born in Greenfield in Sept., 1886, the son of Clarence and Mary (Cross) Parker.

On June 12, 1912 he married the former Mary Green of Northfield who died in May, 1957. He was a member of Harmony Lodge of Masons and the Melha Shriners of Springfield.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. William T. Back, Jr., of West Hartford, Conn., and a son, Thomas G. Parker of Coral Gables, Fla.; a grandson and a great-grandson; three brothers, Roderick and Jean Parker of Greenfield and Donald of Berton, Wash., and a sister, Mrs. Harry Lee of Greenfield.

He was retired from the Greenfield Tap and Die corporation.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Kidder funeral home with Rev. Charles D. Moore officiating.

Breakfast Proceeds To Pay for Delegates

The breakfast served by the Youth Group of the Unitarian church Sunday morning was successful and the money will be used to pay the expenses of David Billings and Russell Reed at the New England get-together to be held in Brattleboro this weekend.

Next Sunday Robert Williams, vice president, will lead the meeting and there will be a discussion of "School Problems."

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Pioneer Regional High News

This week several honors have come to some of the students at PVRHS and we are all very proud.

Several weeks ago Nancy Coates of the senior class was chosen DAR pilgrim from our school. On Monday Nancy went to a meeting of the DAR at Alexander hall in Northfield and was presented an attractive pin.

Rebecca Jackson of Bernardston and Dorothy Given of Northfield, both of the junior class, were chosen by the American Legion auxiliary of their towns to represent the school at Girls' State in June.

Last Friday, March 14, Mr. Leonard, Marianne Smith and David Billings went to Boston to attend good government day activities. David was elected representative from our district. The first part of the program was a televised speech concerning the purpose of good government, by the newly elected boy governor for the day.

The following bills were then proposed and assigned to committees: 1, making voting compulsory; 2, capital punishment; 3, rate of insurance for teen-age drivers.

These committees held meetings open to all the attending students to discuss the bills assigned to them. When the committees had fully discussed their bills a recess was called for lunch.

The meeting reconvened after lunch and the different committees brought their bills before the assembly for discussion. Marianne Smith and David Billings both agree that the trip was educational and enjoyable.

Last Friday night despite the fact that we were having one of the worst snowstorms of the entire winter the senior class held another round and square dance, the third in a series. Ninety students and friends attended and the class was able to add about forty dollars more to the treasury, toward the anticipated Washington trip.

The American Legion of Bernardston will present a minstrel show on March 21 and 22, in the Pioneer auditorium. They have given Pioneer's seniors the opportunity of selling refreshments at these two shows. Proceeds will also benefit the Washington trip fund.

Last Monday the presence in the building of public health nurses from the Mass. state department of health, school nurses and a doc-

tor created quite a stir amongst members of our student body. In no time at all 307 students and 10 staff members had taken the Mantoux test for detection of T.B. Thirteen students who had signed up for the test were absent. Ninety-five per cent of the student body brought in signed permission slips which was indeed a very good record. Many students had thought their arms would be sore and dreaded the test; however, they were very surprised to find how simple the operation was and how quickly it could be administered. Very little time was lost from classes which of course is always a disappointment to some few students.

During the high school activity period Tuesday a talent show was put on by students under the direction of Roland Emery. The performance opened with the reading of the Bible, the Lord's prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag, led by Brian Scott, who served as master of ceremonies. Other features included tap dancing by Michele Poneck, Marsha Billings and Judie Rice to the accompaniment of "Side by Side." Ronald Jordan tap danced to "Party Doll" and Raelene Bardwell also did a tap dance.

A square dance to "My Darling Nelly Gray" and a polka were performed by Bruce Coutu, Ruth Wood, Arthur Herk, Joan Streeter, Tommy Gaida, Carol Atwood, Janice Fuller and Ronald Jordan.

Besides these excellent dancing performances, Nancy Ostrowski played on the piano, "Pledge of Love" and "Mazurka in G Minor." Marilyn Croutworst played "Wonderful Time Up There" and "Don't." Danny Fallon and Jonathan Greene presented a piano and clarinet duet.

All decked out in pajamas as if ready for bed, Barbara Johnson, Diane Leach and Kathy Stoddard sang "Mr. Sandman." Later in the show they sang "Sail Along Silvery Moon." One member of this trio, Kathy Stoddard, sang "Teacher's Pet."

Two duets: "How Much Is That Doggie in the Window?" and "Bye Bye Elvis," were sung by Ruth and Charlotte Wood. Cora Hurlburt sang "Getting to Know You" and Michele Poneck and Marsha Billings, dressed as hillbillies, sang "Doing What Comes Naturally."

Don Proven presented a comedy act. He told the story of Noah and the ark in a very humorous way. Following the show which everyone seemed to enjoy thoroughly, the group and individual performers were judged by the applause of the audience.

Don Proven, who was applauded longest and loudest, received first place, Diane Leach, Barbara Johnson and Kathy Stoddard came in second and Ruth and Charlotte Wood placed third. Appropriate prizes will be presented to these groups later this year.

Last evening one of the final games of the Tri-State basketball tournament was held in Turners Falls. Hinsdale was the defeated team and on Friday evening, tomorrow, at Turners Falls the Pioneer team will play them for third place in the tournament. We are extremely proud of our boys' team because of the fine showing it has made.

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History of Shakers Discussed at DAR

The Daughters of the American Revolution met on Monday afternoon at the Alexander hall for a luncheon in charge of Mrs. Ralph Sargent and Mrs. Ross L. Spencer.

Mrs. Robert L. Wood, regent, presided at the meeting which followed. Mrs. Lorimer Drury acted as chaplain in the absence of Mrs. Henry Prescott. Mrs. Ralph Sargent introduced the speaker of the afternoon, James Bissland of Charlemont, who gave a most interesting account of the Shakers. This group came to this country in 1774 from England with Ann Lee as their leader and established a peaceful and prosperous community north of Albany which grew to 18 sizeable communities scattered through the eastern part of the country, up to the time of the Civil War. Since that time the sect has suffered a decline and now there are only 30 living, most of these in the Pittsfield area. The real name of the group is "The Limited Society of Believers" and they believed in celibacy, the communism of interests and wealth, confession and withdrawal from the world.

At one time the Shaker industries formed a "big business" in this country. They sold seeds, baskets, brooms, shoes, herbs, cough syrups, liniments and raised horses, cattle and poultry. They invented the buggy, the circular saw, the split clothespin, babbitt metal, the flat broom and many other things.

The group kept up their numbers by taking in poor children and orphans to raise and care for. The great decline is due to the post Civil War economies, the coming of the machine age and the lack of spiritual fire after the death of their leader, Ann Lee.

Living near a Shaker community in Connecticut as a boy, Mr. Bissland has continued his interest and told many interesting things about their customs and beliefs.

At the meeting which followed Miss Nancy Coates of Bernardston was presented the DAR good citi-

zenship pin by the regent. Mrs. Roger Greenwood read from the DAR magazine concerning February as American history month. Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, national defense chairman for the local group, gave information about aid to foreign countries and gave an interesting anecdote about an ancestor as did Mrs. David Cook.

It was voted to hold a meeting on May 5 at which time there will be annual reports and the election of officers. Mrs. Albert Anderson and Mrs. Harold Carroll are the nominating committee.

Dr. William E. Park, president the senior vespers speaker Sunday at the Northfield School for Girls.

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Field Descendants At Open House

There were 65 attending the "open house" at the Field library at Northfield Farms on Saturday. A collection of African violets and foliage plants loaned by Mrs. Florence Borthwick, brightened the rooms which had been rearranged to make room for the new Horace Field children's corner.

An exhibit of old books included readers, art lessons, cures and recipes, geography, arithmetic and scrapbooks.

All guests were served refreshments by the Ladies' Benevolent society.

Descendants of Horace Field attending were Mrs. Clarence Hager of Athol, Mrs. Adelbert Eaton and Mrs. Joseph Prentiss of Orange, granddaughters and, Mrs. Jean Williams and Miss Grais Eaton of Orange, great-granddaughters.

Hostesses were Mrs. Lawrence Hammond, librarian, Mrs. Fred Avery, Mrs. Bertha Leach, Mrs. Florence Borthwick, Mrs. R. Kenneth Leach, Mrs. Norman Kimball, Mrs. William Young and Mrs. Norman Fowler. The library is open each Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Anderson Chosen N. Y. Mother of Year

Mrs. Helen Reed Anderson, 73, for 43 years a resident of Rustic Ridge, has been chosen the 1958 New York state mother of the year. Mrs. Anderson rented at Northfield 43 years ago and two years ago later purchased Sunny Corners cabin on West lane. She has been very active in Rustic Ridge Assn., having held all major offices, at present she serves as necrology chairman.

Mrs. Anderson may be contacted at 161 East Cabot lane, Westbury, Long Island (at the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Frank Williams) where she has just welcomed her 13th grandchild into the world.

Mrs. Anderson has four daughters, Helen Romig, wife of Rev. Arthur Romig, pastor of First Presbyterian church of Portsmouth, O.; Virginia Crowl, biology instructor at Ohio Wesleyan university, wife of Dr. George Crowl; Ora Mongiere, wife of Rev. Angelo Mongrore, teacher in North Abington, and Mrs. Frank Williams.

Community Club Enjoys Sugar Eat

The No. 4 Community club of Northfield Farms held a successful meeting Wednesday evening of last week. A profit of \$10.52 was made from the "white elephants" auctioned off by Albert Rice and all enjoyed the sugar on snow served by Mr. and Mrs. Rice. The nominating committee: Rice, Mrs. Grace Young and Mrs. Agnes Hammond, will report on a slate of officers at the next meeting on April 9 when a pot luck supper will follow the meeting. The club will sponsor a card party April 23.

Garden Club Speaker

The Northfield Garden Club will meet on Monday evening, March 31 at the Alexander Hall at 7:45. The subject for the evening will be "Evergreens and Shrubs," the guest speaker to be Lyle L. Blundell, of the department of horticulture at the University of Massachusetts. He will show slides and tell about plants in keeping with our old houses here in Northfield.

Mrs. John Fisher Speaks at WCTU

The Womens Christian Temperance Union met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur J. Green. Miss June Browning, president, presided and Mrs. Grace Cowell, chaplain, read the 10th Psalm. The group took a unanimous stand against the frequent and insidious beer advertising on the radio. Mrs. John Fisher gave a graphic first hand description of Arizona, especially of her impressions of the city of Phoenix, from her recent nine months residence there with her family. She described the climate as mostly dry and very hot interspersed with rains so heavy drainage ditches have to be provided even within the city limits. She described it as a cosmopolitan city a mushroom growth. She found the people very friendly. The churches were numerous and mainly conservative. She spoke interestingly about Flagstaff where her eldest daughter, Faith, was doing missionary work among the Indians. She said some of the Indians had beautiful homes and nearly all had fine automobiles all though there homes were poor. The people there were also very friendly and possessed a certain refinement. Light refreshments were served.

It was announced that Mrs. Constantine George would be hostess for a dinner meeting on April 23. As a ways and means project it was voted that each member bring a free will offering at the next meeting.

118 Registered In Adult Classes

The Pioneer Valley Regional School is a busy place these days and is proving popular for many events too because of the fine gymnasium and auditorium and other special facilities. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are adult education evenings. There are a total of 118 participating in the six classes.

On the list are rug hooking, 13 students and rug braiding with 26 registered. Mrs. Sylvia Spencer instructor; cake decorating, 2 classes of 18 each with Mrs. George Parody teaching; beginning sewing with 15 members and advanced sewing with 14 in the group is taught by Mrs. Vesta Combs; chair seating with 14 members is under the instruction of Ralph Sargent. There are 18 in the wood and metal working classes taught by Duane Pierce and 18 registered in the typewriting class with Mrs. Ruth Young as instructor.

Youth Group Plans Activity Meeting

The Youth Group of the Unitarian Church met Sunday evening with Robert Williams vice-president presiding in the absence of Russell Reed president. A discussion of school problems was held. Brenda Billings led the worship service and Robert Williams served refreshments. Rev. Charles D. Moore, minister, was present. The group will hold an activity meeting Saturday evening and no meeting will be held Sunday evening.

BIRTHS

A daughter, Barbara Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alden Edson on March 21 at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edson of Northfield and Mrs. Lucy Foley of Greenfield.



Sugaring in Pratt Hollow

Rev. Paul L. Bubar Resigns as Pastor

Rev. Paul L. Bubar presented a letter of resignation as pastor of the church at the worship service of the Northfield Baptist church on Sunday. His resignation is to take effect June 1. Rev. Bubar has been pastor of the church for the past three years during which time the membership and attendance has been greatly increased and the interior of the church building entirely remodeled. Following his graduation from the Providence Barrington Bible college he was ordained here last year. He will be associated with Christian Enterprises, Inc., of Orlando, Fla., in evangelistic work, serving with the Christian Businessmen's committees in penal institutions and with 800 teenagers in recreational facilities there.

Charles F. Field, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Field of 66 Main street, is attending the radioman school at the naval training center, Bainbridge, Md. Students at the school are trained to operate transmitters, radio direction finders, teletypewriters and radio receiving equipment. They also are taught to transmit and receive messages by international Morse code and type incoming messages.

B. S. Parents View Camp Films

Parents night was observed at the Boy Scout meeting held Monday evening at the Scout House. Colored movies of Camp Chesterfield were shown by Ed Bluett, field executive of the Franklin-Hampshire Council. There were 58 attending and cake made by Mrs. W. W. Sanderson and beverage furnished by Donald McColister, neighborhood commissioner, was served to all. Already 14 boys have made reservations for the first two weeks of July at Camp Chesterfield.

Final plans were made for attending the Safety Scout-o-rama being held on Saturday at the Amherst College cage and pool. Hamilton Cregar, Howard Call and Explorer Scouts James Neigh, Richard Maynard, and Jonathan Green will leave early Saturday morning to set up the Troop 9 safety display. Girard Donovan was the highest salesman in the recent ticket sale.

The following Explorer Scouts with Gilbert Stacy as leader, enjoyed an overnight trip last week end: Maynard, Neigh, Green, Ronald Jordan, Robert Hanahan, Dana Caldwell, Philip Howe, Jr. and Roger Reed.

H. Bigelow's Sugar Bush Reaches Full Production

Roy J. Fish Heads School Committee

The Northfield school committee met on Thursday and organized for the new year. Roy J. Fish was renamed chairman, Mrs. Evelyn U. True, secretary, and Irving J. Lawrence, the third member, will represent the board as a member of the Pioneer Valley regional school committee.

In Bernardston Ellis N. Franklin has been renamed chairman of that school committee and also member of the Pioneer Valley regional school committee. Bernard E. Fowler is secretary and James O'Leary, the third member, will supervise the issuing of work permits.

PVRS Committee Advocates Signs

At the recent meeting of the Pioneer Valley Regional School committee the lack of signs by the school entrances was discussed at length. F. Sumner Turner, supt. was instructed by the committee to contact the Western Massachusetts about lighted signs at both entrances.

Traffic signs at the Route 10 entrance have been promised and it is hoped that soon such signs will be erected by the Department of Public Works.

The committee has received with thanks a gift of 50 books from the Dickinson Library for the school library. The books are part reference books and part fiction, most of them duplicates of books on the shelves here.

The PVRS committee meets on Thursday of this week for the annual reorganization meeting.

Sacrificial Breakfast

The United Church Women of Greenfield will sponsor a sacrificial breakfast on Tuesday of holy week, April 1, at 10 a.m. at the Methodist church in Greenfield. Taking part will be Mrs. Stuart Sinclair, Mrs. George L. Gregory, Jr., Mrs. Walter Scott, Mrs. Norman Porter, Rev. Dorothy Pease and Mrs. Orrin Lincoln who is director of the program. The soloist will be Mrs. Darin Nutt of Bernardston and she will be accompanied by Mrs. Leo Derry, also of Bernardston, Mrs. Archie Goodwin will be program pianist. The collection will be given to the Goodwill fresh air camps located at South Athol. All women are invited to this hour of meditation.

One Northfield man who has retired recently is happy, working constantly Harold F. Bigelow of Maple street who retired from the East Northfield postoffice last November, is now enjoying work that he has long planned. Just now it's making grade A and "fancy" grade maple syrup.

In 1931 he purchased a wooded area in Pratt Hollow and built a summer camp which has been enjoyed by family and friends since that time. These 27 years he has trimmed, cared for and encouraged the growth of a sugar bush which now is in full production. This year he has installed Lamb's tubing system for maple sap gathering from a part of the trees, where by the sap runs from the trees directly to the storage tank at the sugar house. He runs a King flue type evaporator to make the syrup. Besides these trees he gathers sap from trees on Maple street, having a total of 260 buckets and plastic bags with 150 spigots on the pipe line.

He says that the run is uncertain this year, some days much better than others but he hopes to make well over 150 gallons. Horace F. Field, who owns a farm in that mountain area, is a partner in the undertaking as it is more than a one man job.

When the sugaring job is over Bigelow will be happy at the next job that the season brings, doubtless gardening.

It is a wonderful thing to retire to do work long anticipated and enjoy it and his many friends hope that he may enjoy his "work after retirement" for many years to come.

425 Visit Library During Library Week

Over 425 visitors called at the Dickinson Memorial library during National Library week. 184 were pupils from the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades who came in groups of 20 to 30 each. For some adults it was their first visit, some had not been in for 20 or 30 years. All expressed pleasure with the well kept and spacious library.

The larger auditorium provided a fine background for the displays.

Appreciation of the librarians, Mrs. Florence Phelps and Mrs. David Cook, goes to Mrs. Dana W. Leavis, Mrs. Stanley Bistrek, Mrs. David Hammond, Mrs. Alvin Scott, Mrs. Henry Prescott and Mrs. Arnold Haack, Mrs. Robert Barnes and Mrs. Fred Huber and to the members of the Garden club and the Fortnightly and everyone who contributed in any way to the special week's observance.

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There's a certain rumor that can't be true—
That Man descended from our noble race!
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And you've never known a mother monk
To leave her children with others to bunk;
Or pass them on from one to another
Till they scarcely knew who was their mother.

"Another thing you'll never see
Is a monkey fence in his cocoanut tree,
So others being hungry are forced to steal
Because they can't get a decent meal.
And here's another a monkey won't do,
Go out at night and get on a stew,
Or use a gun or a club or a knife
To take some other poor monkey's life.
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All Northfield persons who own boats are asked to report them to Horace Field, Civil Defense director, as soon as possible. The Civil Defense organization has been asked to be prepared for emergency flood work. Extremely warm weather or heavy rains could cause severe high water from melting snow north of us although no immediate flooding is being anticipated.

Local Women Attend Cancer Fund Dinner

Mrs. Frank Bordner and Mrs. Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr., attended a dinner meeting Tuesday evening at the Old Mill in Westminster as co-chairmen of the forthcoming Cancer Fund Drive. The meeting was sponsored by eight underwriters of the American Cancer Society for those delegates from the Massachusetts North Central area who attended. Captains and workers will soon be named for the house to house canvas which is scheduled to be held the evening of April 29.

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Church Notes

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REV. JOSEPH W. REEVES, Minister
MRS. F. H. MOSSE, Director of Christian Education
IRVING J. LAWRENCE, Choir Director

MRS. BELLE MARDEN, Organist
7:00 a.m., communion breakfast for church brotherhoods and Men's clubs at the Second Congregational church, Greenfield. Get your ticket from Gilbert Stacy.

9:45, church school.

11 a.m., public worship. Palm Sunday music and sermon. The Rev. Paul B. Myers, minister of Christian Education of the Massachusetts Congregational Christian conference, will preach. Preschool age children will be attended by Mrs. Donald Green. Children of grades 1-4 will be supervised by Mrs. Norman Hale.

The pastor's class in church membership for the teen age and the Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People will not meet this Sunday due to the pastor and young people being in New York City for the weekend.

Bible study for women 20-40 years of age will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. Matthew 7 is the assignment. Children attended by Mrs. George Hillock and Mrs. F. H. Mosse.

The new church building survey committee will meet on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

A service of music, meditation and holy communion will be held in the sanctuary on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Youth choir rehearsal Friday at 3 p.m. Mrs. Robert P. Barnes, director and accompanist.

Persons wishing to give or loan flowers for Easter Sunday worship will phone Mr. and Mrs. Donald McColister.

Father and son night at the Brotherhood is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9. Entertainment by Mt. Hermon Triple quartet and magician.

NORTHFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH

REV. CHARLES D. MOORE, Minister
MRS. L. P. GOODSPEED, Organist and Choir Director

RAY A. KNAPP, Church School Superintendent

9:45 a.m., Sunday worship service, sermon topic, "Religious Experience."

9:45 a.m., church school, classes for all ages.

7 p.m., Youth Group. Russell Reed and David Billings will report on last week end's conference in Brattleboro.

The annual rummage sale and food sale are being held by the ladies of the church Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

ST. PATRICK'S Catholic

REV. HENRY MCKEON, Pastor
REV. ANTHONY RZASA, Curate
Sunday, 10:30 a.m., mass.

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.

NORTHFIELD BAPTIST
REV. PAUL L. BUBAR, Pastor
SAMUEL A. BISHOP, Organist
MRS. RICHARD NEIPP, Assistant Organist

MRS. RALPH PERRY, Pianist
Sunday, 8:15 a. m., worship, WHAI.

10 a.m.—Sunday school, Mrs. William Messer, superintendent.
11 a.m.—Morning worship with sermon.

Nursery and junior church at same hour.

6:30 p.m.—Young People.

7, pre-evening service prayer.

7:30, evening evangelistic hour.

Tuesday, 7 p.m., Bible study.

The Northfield Evening School of the Bible opened Tuesday evening, March 18, at the Northfield Baptist church and will continue for six consecutive Tuesday evenings.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., "Hour of Power."

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
REV. RICHARD GRIFFIN, Pastor
MISS HAZEL JOY MARCY, Organist
LAURENCE MARCY, Sunday School Superintendent

Family supper March 29.

Sunday, 10:30-11:30, a.m., Sun-

Through a Kitchen Window

Bookshelves offer endless entertainment. While searching for something the other day I came across a fascinating bit of information in one of the books, which I'd like to share with you.

This is a story about worms, caterpillars and snails. A short story. As you all know, everyone is acquainted, in one way or another, with these organisms. Some people find them interesting, while others look upon them with disdain. But these creatures, of which I speak, are not what you think they are at all! They are not really worms, caterpillars and snails. APRIL FOOL They are only names given to various, odd fruits of plants, mostly European, which belong to the legume family, better known as the pea and bean family. These curious seed pods or capsules have a resemblance, or likeness in shape at least, to the animals previously mentioned.

The peculiar seed pods are grown as surprises, curiosities or oddities, and are often put in soups and salads as a practical joke, not for their edible qualities. Old World gardeners cultivate the plants, in Europe, where they are grown expressly for that purpose.

It might be disconcerting to come upon these "treasures" in your food, quite unexpectedly, if they looked really and truly like their counterparts. But, perhaps, if one lived in Europe and knew of this quaint custom, the "surprise" might be rather amusing.

Dr you like to try new things in your garden? Do you enjoy growing new vegetables and flowers? Then you might like to grow these Worms, as they are listed in some catalogs. We understand that these annuals are easily grown from seed. When you locate a source for either plants or seed for these oddities, would you share it, please? If the fruits of these plants turn out as described, they will

day school.

11:30-12:30 p.m., worship service.

6:15 p.m., Young People's meeting.

7:30 p.m., evening service.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., annual business meeting and prayer meeting.

Friday, 3:30, Sing and Bring club.

Friday, 7:30 p.m., prayer and Bible study.

Saturday, 10:05-10:30 a.m., Sing and Bring club on WHAI.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON

REV. EVERETT MOORE, Pastor
MRS. STELLA POWELL, Organist
MRS. HAROLD PARSONS, Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday, 10:30, morning worship, sermon topic, "Palm Leaves, Parakeets and Peter."

10:30 a.m.—Junior Worship.

11:45—Sunday School.

7 p.m., Young People's meeting with Mrs. Grace Young, leader.

7:30, evening service, sermon subject, "One Man Had a Donkey."

Thursday — 7:45 p.m., prayer meeting.

be most unusual conversation pieces.

The scientific names of "worm" plants, grown chiefly for surprise purposes will help you to look for more information about them, since they seem not to have regular, common names.

Of the three plants mentioned in the book I read, one is *Scorpiurus vermiculate*. *Scorpiurus* is from the Greek, alluding to the twisted form of the legume or fruit, which resembles a caterpillar. The low, trailing plant is adapted to an open border in the garden where seeds can be planted in the spring. The smooth edged, elongate leaves taper into the stem. A single yellow flower develops into an odd fruit that is coiled like a fiddle head - rolled from the top down and inward from the edges. This interesting pod is grooved and ridged longitudinally, the ribs decorated with tiny pin-headed protuberances.

Another plant is *Astragalus hamosus*, known as "worms" in the catalogs, although all three have been listed under that name. It is occasionally used in flower borders and makes an attractive showing with its colorful flower heads. The leaves of the plant are what botanists term pinnately compound - that is, the leaf is made up of many leaflets arranged along the sides of the stem. The smooth, papery pod is straw colored when mature, and curved into half-moon shape.

The pods of the third plant, *Medicago scutellata*, are known as snails. This plant is soft velvety and somewhat taller than the others. Its clover-shaped leaflets have toothed edges. The surface of the curious snail-like pod, which is flat and about a half inch across, is covered with a fine network of veins. Old World gardeners delight in this relative of our alfalfa.

The French are credited with the origin of April Fool. In 1954 they moved the new year's observance from March 25th to the 1st of January, and since that date fell so often in Holy Week, the Church postponed the celebration to April first. The people of France then paid mock visits to their friends to fool them into the belief that the date was still the first day of the new year.

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The following families took in the 42 boys and girls from Barrington - Providence Bible College who sang at the town hall Sunday evening: John Fisher, E. M. Powell, B. Rogers, Owen Stacy, Harrison Stacey, R. Payne, Samuel Bishop, Everett Moore, Arthur Green, Harold Carroll and the Hart Home.

Among the 43 singers at the A Cappella Concert Sunday evening was David C. Chesboro whose family has owned a home on the 7th Ridge for many years.

Tuesday Miss Margaret Mensel and Miss A. N. Herring go to Boston to see Miss Irma Reynolds who is in a Nursing Home. For many years she taught at the girl's school, and has summered on the Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Alexander left on Tuesday for Chatham on the Cape to do some work on the house they have bought there.

William H. Hawley is recovering from an operation in the Baker Memorial Hospital in Boston, and while there his wife and daughter are staying in Brookline.

Rev. and Mrs. Miles M. Moore, before Lent, flew to St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. Mrs. Moore spending some time in Miami on the return trip. After his return, Mr. Moore discovered that Connie and Charles Dickerson live in St. Croix and are friends of the friends he and Mrs. Moore visited. But they did not know in time. Both of the Dickersons, before they married had homes here, and the Moores come every summer to their cottage on Maple St.

Dr. John Jordan Wicker, president emeritus of Fort Union Military Academy, one of the largest military schools in the nation, died in Richmond, Va., March 17. He was 93. He had held pastorates in Baltimore, Trenton, Norfolk and Richmond before becoming a school-head. Surviving are his sons, Col. James C. Wicker; John J. Wicker, Jr., a lawyer, and Mrs. G. Heyward Mahon, Jr., and several grandchildren. While the Wickers lived in East Northfield they owned the house now occupied by Miss Sanderson and Miss Walker on Pine St.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bishop

have returned from their winter cruise, to their home at 15 Main St. They sailed from New York Jan. 17 and the Greek line SS. Olympia for two months along the Mediterranean visiting many famous old cities and islands. They reached Northfield March 21 after a few days in New York.

Miss Polly Moor of New York visited the Fred Pallams this weekend.

George W. Hayes, director of remedial reading at The Northfield Schools will speak at the Greenfield Lions Club Tuesday 6:30 at the Weldon Hotel. His topic will be "Dictators and How They Think". He was a student in Germany while Hitler was shaping the German universities into instruments of dictatorship and world conquest.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Todd of Lake Wales, Florida had a daughter on March 5. Mrs. Todd was the former Nancy Buffum.

Miss Virginia L. MacLeod, who has a summer home on the Ridge, is head of the copyright, contract and permissions department for Harper Bros. She and her friend Miss Frances Pearson plan to spend their vacation here. They have moved to Morningside Gardens Cooperative Apartments at 501 West 123 St, New York City which is connected with Columbia university.

THE NEWLY-NEW SHOP

For eleven months in 1950-51 The Newly-New Shop was run in East Northfield, taking in over \$1,000, of which \$800 was returned to consignors. Since 1952 there have been requests for the fine, though secondhand suits, dresses and other articles in this shop, all of which were sold for fifteen dollars or less. This past week two ladies from Hinsdale came to buy mens clothes although the shop was closed six years ago. Once a year, Mrs. E. M. Powell who opened this shop, has a Nearly-New Sale in conjunction with some local organization which puts on a food sale. Consignors and buyers will be interested to know that a one-day Nearly-New Sale will take place about the 3rd week in May. No commission on sales will be taken, the entire money being given to consignors of clean, whole, non-faded garments.

Mrs. Betty Otte Kraft, niece of the "Uncle Phil" known to oldtimers on the Ridge hopes to spend two months here this summer.

Prof. Arthur L. Bigelow of Princeton who is credited with the construction of the Robert A. Taft Memorial Carillon Tower on Capital Hill in Washington D. C. says that he received inspiration to become a specialist in carillons as a boy when visiting Northfield and other Massachusetts spots.

Town Clerk Horace Field announces that dog licenses have arrived.

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SHOPPING

Spring vacation began Saturday for the students of The Northfield School for Girls. It ends Monday April 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Wynne Keever left today for visits to friends in Pelham, N. Y. and to Mrs. Keever's mother and sister in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Frank Smith and her sister Mrs. Arthur Packard, both of New York City came on Thursday to The Homestead to celebrate their mothers 88th birthday. They stayed with Mrs. W. R. Moody over the weekend.

Miss Deana Camp has been in Franklin County Hospital.

The Northfield Schools are named among the beneficiaries in the will of the late Will Allen Gray of Worcester.

Mrs. Monroe E. Smith is on the staff of The Northfield School for Girls, and her home is Calico Farm, Greenfield. Her daughter, "Timmie" Smith will be one of three girls to represent Finch College at the 11th annual conference of the Association of International Relations Clubs in Washington, D.C. March 30-April 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Greenwood had a daughter born to them Thursday March 20, their fourth child.

Mrs. Elmer Wilcox of Braintree has been visiting her mother Mrs. Jennie Blossom.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Flewelling went to Springfield last Sunday to attend the christening of their granddaughter Robin, daughter of the Erwin Flewellings. The mother of the child was formerly Ellen Finch.

Mrs. Warren Brown is spending a few days in New Haven where she went to meet her son Eugene Shipka who recently returned from overseas.

Mrs. Roger Greenwood leaves on Sunday to spend a week at the home of her son, Calvin in Manchester, Conn.

There is a parlor game in which a leader with psychological learnings says a word, and his victim is supposed to quickly give the first appropriate word-answer which pops into his head. To some the word "Recession" immediately suggests Kipling's wonderful poem, set to music, known as "Kipling's Recession." To others it suggests an article written by Robert P. Tristram Coffin in "New England Living", January 1950.

Mr. Coffin's article is called "New England Living" and it is full of encouragement for Yankees; for the people of Northfield. He contends that though living here is subsistence, or tight living, still most of us live in little white houses, with a stable turned into a garage, with a car in the garage, children in college, and, still, some money in the bank. The Yankee secret is that we have a lot of irons in the fire and that means security, and, as Mr. Coffin says, "the exercise of running from one thing to another keeps the New Englander healthy and happy."

In other words we do not put all of our eggs in one basket. Along with our regular jobs, we raise and sell flowers; do woodcraft; paint neighbors houses or pictures of their houses; baby-sit; sell Christmas trees from our wood lot; make maple syrup, write articles for Musical Journals or other current publications, do substitute preaching; tutor; cane chairs, etc. Mr. Coffin writes humorously when you look for a fisherman

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with his lobster pots, you find him hoeing his beans at low tide; "when you look for a farmer in the barn he is driving bolts into destroyers."

Hard work and Yankee versatility ought to drive Old Man Worry away!

The Granger family are vacationing at Jensen Beach, Florida on the western side of the peninsula, and enjoying deep sea fishing.

Jimmy Livingston on leave at his parents home leaves Saturday to fly back to camp in Georgia. On April 11 he leaves Savannah for Germany.

Mrs. J. W. Reeves has been visiting her son, Richard in Connecticut.

On March 17 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Guerrin of East Northfield in the Brattleboro Hospital.

Mrs. F. Sumner Turner and Mrs. Horace Bolton are in the Franklin County Hospital.

Warren N. Root, husband of the former Ruth Sheldon, has left for a six-months cruise in the far east aboard the USS Shangri-La.

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will help with the Easter dance to be held March 31 at Leeds Veterans Hospital.

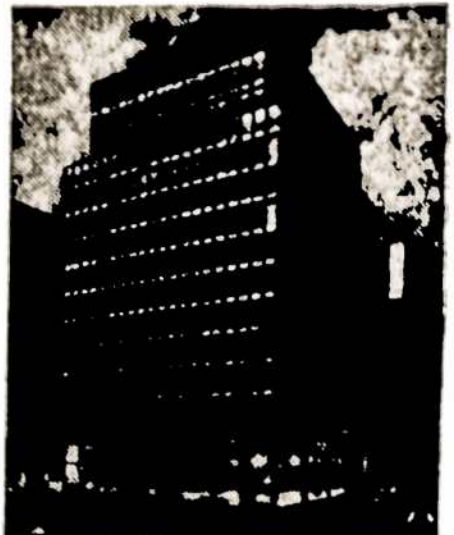
Milton Powers, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Powers of Northfield Farms, left on last week for two years service in the army. He reported at the Hartford induction Center and went from there to Fort Dix, N. J. Powers attended schools in Suffield, Conn., and graduated from the Suffield High School in 1954. Since then he has been associated with his father in farming.

The following Northfield people attended the Connecticut Valley Bible conference at the North Levett Baptist church Tuesday afternoon and evening: Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Green, Mrs. Grace Cornell, Mrs. Homer Browning, Sr., Mrs. Charles White and Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney. The guest speaker was Walter Brill, a missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo. His audience was thrilled with the graphic account of the frustrations and successes of his work there.

Pilgrim Fellowship Leaves for New York

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the Trinitarian Congregational Church met Sunday evening with 46 present. Following devotions led by Donna Hayes the group completed plans for their trip to New York this week-end. They plan to leave the church about 9 o'clock Friday morning and will take a box lunch. Among the high lights of the trip will be the "Lil' Abner" show Friday night; Saturday morning visits to the United Nations, Saint Patrick's Cathedral and the Bronx Zoo; a visit to Staten Island Saturday afternoon and after a formal dinner they will visit the Perry Como show or Radio City Music Hall. Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Reeves and Mrs. Richard Holbrook will be chaperones for the group.

Modern Center To Serve Youth



New aluminum and glass Girl Scout national headquarters on redeveloped Third Avenue in New York City was recently dedicated to service of youth. By building and owning its own headquarters, the national Girl Scout organization will save approximately \$100,000 a year over previous costs of renting commercial office space. New headquarters will be service and research center for more than 3 million Girl Scouts in the U.S.

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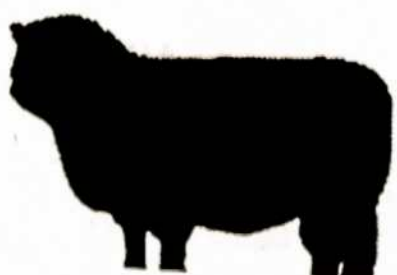
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Kiwanis Donates \$45 to CARE

At the meeting of the Kiwanis Club Monday evening United States policies and problems as related to the space age were outlined by John C. Trumbull of the Pioneer School faculty. He stated that among the vital needs of this country are the maintenance of full strength and balanced military forces and an adequate warning system. Arms control and disarmament and the prevention of the growth of communism are necessary goals.

President Charles Llewellyn on behalf of the conservation and agriculture committee presented \$45 to W. A. Koob, representative of Care, who stated that the money would supply approximately one half ton of foods for distribution to the needy of the world. Lt. Gov. Warren Wright of Northampton spoke briefly on the methods used in determining scores in awarding the inter-club plaque.

David Quinn collected a contribution from each member as the clubs gift to the New England Kiwanis Scholarship Fund.

Frank Kelley, chairman of the minstrel show committee announced that rehearsals are being held each Monday night at the Town Hall. The presentation will be on May 16 and May 17.

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Pioneer Regional High News

The past week at Pioneer Valley Regional School has been a very busy one, especially for the seniors.

This week dress rehearsal was held in the auditorium for the senior class's presentation of "Something Borrowed, Something Blue". Everyone appeared in his own outfit including the Elderly women characters in their dresses, glasses, and broad brim hats. The play will be presented Friday and Saturday March 28 and 29 at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The prices of admission are as follows: 85 cents for adults, 60 cents for high school students, and 35 cents for children. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the senior class. The profit from this play will be used for the senior class trip to Washington, D. C. in April.

Miss Lawley is directing the play. The cast includes: Cora Jane Hurlburt, Byron Beckwith, Charlotte Marcotte, John Fleming, John Morgan, Carol Gerrish, Nancy Oakman, Nancy Coates, Alice Williams, Audrey Smith, and Ellen Sullivan. Stage helpers include: James Dresser in charge of curtains; Russell Reed, the sound effects man. Make-up will be handled by Mrs. Eugene Hammond, Miss Dorothy Eccles, and Mrs. Samuel Yegar. Furniture is taken from the home economics department.

Last Friday Mr. Callahan's chemistry class saw two films on Atomic Energy. The first film showed the manner in which nuclear shot into radioactive substances cause a chain reaction which in turn causes an atomic explosion. Father Keller narrated the two films explaining the many ways in which atomic energy can be regarded as a blessing as well as a menace. Scenes showing radioactive iodine being used as a tracer for the detection of cancer were taken in actual hospitals. This film proved to be very educational and very interesting and proved to us all that atomic energy is very capable of being put to good uses in helping mankind as well as being used for purposes of destruction.

In Mrs. Samuel Yeager's English 11 classes students have been studying proper word usage and ways in which to express sentences and paragraphs most effectively either in the writing of compositions or in speaking. To demonstrate some of the many errors in diction various members of the classes have drawn cartoons for the bulletin boards illustrating samples of incorrect diction by humorous drawings. It is hoped that by the use of ridiculous cartoons and humorous implications of misplaced modifiers and the use of the wrong parts of speech and the like that students will realize how easily one can be misunderstood by not saying specifically what one means.

On Friday, March 21, our boys' basketball team went to Turners Falls to compete against Hinsdale for third place in the Tri-State Tournament. They came home victorious with a score of 51-35. We are all very proud of the boys and the trophy they won for us. The trophy has a Grecian urn in the center. On top of the urn and on either side of it are miniature basketball players making a

total of three miniatures on the trophy. These figures are set on an ivory colored plastic base. On the front of the base there is a gold plate where the name of the school and the date will be engraved. This will be one of the first trophies to be placed in our display case in the lobby when the case is completed. It certainly is a beautiful symbol of hard work, earnest effort and lots of fun.

The junior class has started to make plans for a semi-formal prom to be held May 9 in the Pioneer gym. The music will be provided by the Silver Diamonds Orchestra from Greenfield. At present, the theme for this dance has not been decided but a committee is working on ideas. All proceeds will benefit the juniors. As this will be the first "prom" to be held at Pioneer we hope it will be a huge success.

Next week we will be able to announce the members of the yearbook staff. Faculty members met on last Monday with Mr. Russell Bassett of the Offset Printing Co. of Greenfield whose company will print the yearbook. Mr. Upham and Mr. Leonard will be advisors of the yearbook with other faculty members advising various departments. A journalism club will be formed during the coming week and work will begin in earnest on our first yearbook for P.V.R.S.

Portraits in Pastels Exhibited at WHAI

Portraits in pastels and oils are being exhibited through April 1 at the gallery at WHAI. The artist is Eleanor Dow Green of Northampton. Besides the portraits exhibited there are photographs of other portrait commissions completed on the gallery table. Mrs. Green studied with Otis Philbrook and the late Richard Andrew. She has maintained a studio in Northampton for a long time.

George McEwan

George McEwan, assistant treasurer of the Northfield schools for 38 years and prominent in town activities, died on Wednesday in Franklin County hospital. He was 68 years of age.

Born in Holyoke, son of John and Jean (Gardner) McEwan, he was a graduate of Mount Hermon in 1914. In 1918 he graduated from Dartmouth college, after which he enlisted in the army, receiving his commission at Camp Meig, Washington, D. C.

He had served as town moderator and was a member for many years of Trinitarian Congregational church, of which he was treasurer for 25 years.

On Oct. 19, 1919, he married the former Lois Horne of Holyoke. During World War II he served as Northfield Civil Defense director.

He was a member of Harmony Lodge of Masons, American Legion and the Rotary club. He joined the staff of the Northfield schools in 1919.

He leaves, besides his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Robert Whitesell of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Edgar Parker of Newport, R. I., and two grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were in charge of the Kidder funeral home.

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Fortnightly Annual Meeting Elects Mrs. McMann President

The annual meeting of the Fortnightly on March 21 was attended by 43 members in spite of the storm which brought Spring. Mrs. Walter R. Bailey welcomed each at the door. A coffee hour preceded the business meeting with Mrs. Herbert Eaker, Mrs. Chester McCracken, Mrs. Douglas Jones and Mrs. Andrew Sanderson as hostesses and Mrs. William P. Persson pouring.

Mrs. Ross L. Spencer conducted the business meeting. The invocation was given by Mrs. Howard A. King. The announcement was made by the president that the next meeting will be held on April 11, the second Friday of the month, instead of the usual first Friday which is Good Friday. Mrs. Thyra Bjorn, will speak on "Papa's Wife." Members may invite guests to the meeting.

The nominating committee reported and the following officers were elected for the coming club year: President, Mrs. Philip M. Mann, Jr.; First vice-president, Mrs. Dana W. Leavis; Second vice-president, Mrs. Albert J. Anderson; Recording secretary, Mrs. Donald G. McColister; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Henry B. Prescott. Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph G. Morgan; Auditor, Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed; Directors, Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, Mrs. Roy J. Fish, Mrs. Bernard J. Whitney; Program committee 2 years, Mrs. Chester McCracken, Mrs. Robert Sandercock, Mrs. L. Loumier Drury, Mrs. Samuel Bishop; Nominating committee, Mrs. F. Wilton Dean, chairman, Mrs. Walter R. Bailey, Mrs. Orville Mirtz.

Mrs. Clarence Clark of Sunderland, director of the 15th District was introduced and brought the greetings of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs, and made these announcements of future events:

April 3, Institute meeting; April 22, Leadership training program at the Westfield Women's Club.

May 3, Arbor Day at the Memorial Forest at Sudbury.

June 2, Federation Day at the Memorial Forest.

The one-act play which had been scheduled for the afternoon was postponed because of the illness of several taking parts.

A Gordon Moody was introduced by Mrs. Robert L. Wood of the program committee and he spoke and showed colored slides taken on his recent trip to South Africa.

He told many most interesting things about the country, its people, and their customs and said that there had been an astonishing growth since he visited there 4 years ago. Some of the pictures were taken on stops in countrys on the trip when with Mrs. Moody they spent several months with

Grange To Confer 3rd and 4th Degrees

The Northfield Grange met Tuesday evening at the hall at 8 o'clock. It was voted to accept an invitation to visit Athol Grange on April 11. The invitation to South Hadley Grange on April 22 was declined as that is the regular meeting night of the Grange. An invitation was received to the wedding of Miss Geraldine Heindelman and Roger Holloway in New York City on May 10.

Members will meet at the Grange hall on Saturday of this week at 9 o'clock for a cleanup bee. Following the rehearsal of the third and fourth degrees all went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holbrook, Jr., for a housewarming party. They were presented a utility table by the Grange. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Holloway.

The third and fourth degrees will be conferred at the next meeting on April 8.

their daughter in South Africa. All who attended enjoyed the program. The day's storm kept many away.

The request was made that anyone willing to contribute cookies or brownies for the Easter Coffee hour which is to be held at the Leeds Veterans Hospital on April 5 call Mrs. Ross L. Spencer or Mrs. William H. Hawley.

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